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Class of works: I am writing in support of Class #2 (DVD Region Coding): Audiovisual works stored on Digital Versatile Disks ("DVDs") that are not available in Region 1 DVD format and access to which is prevented by technological measures.

Summary:

Disc name: Battle Royale; Studio is Starmax.

I saw this movie, Battle Royale, while visiting a friend in California. It was such a great movie I wanted to add it to my collection. I found it online and purchased it, but to my chagrin it wouldn't play in my DVD player. I later found out that it was not released in the U.S. because it was considered too controversial in the U.S. Just shows that there is some forms of censorship when we are supposed to be a free and liberated society. Needless to say, I wasted \$30.00 on a movie that I can't watch because of regional restrictions imposed upon me for no reason that I can see. What is the reasoning behind regional restriction anyway? What premise could possible justify its inception in the first place? And, as a consumer, am I supposed to know what region numbers are?